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MOTHERHOOD

Playing alone by the ocean's edge,
  Eager and unafraid,
You are the child I used to be,
  Playing the games I played.

Now I have only a coward's heart,
  Finding you all too dear,
Learning at last that love shall teach
  The fearless how to fear.

You are so little against the sky,
  Laughing and undismayed—
Oh, little son by the ocean's edge,
  I am afraid, afraid!

Medora C. Addison

THE LOVER

You do not know the wonder I will pour on your name—
It will burst like thunder with all heaven for a frame!
I will raise it as a flame that the wind blows under,
I will cast myself asunder—to my shame, to my blame!
I will make a fame, a wonder of your name.

Paul Tanaquil